Telecom: Does not arise.

(c) *Postal:* Department of Posts is at concerned.

Telecom: Bombay and Delhi Tele-ione Districts Corporation called lto a Telephone Corporation called Jahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. in)86. It is too early for any assessment of performance.

(d) *Postal;* Does not relate to De triment of Posts.

Telecom: The information is being Elected and the same will be placed 1 the Table of the House.

Sale of Aspirin only on medical prescription

1920. SHRI M. VINCENT; Will the :iniste$_r$ of HEALTH AND FAMILY "ELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware iat free use Of Aspirin and its irivatives are liable to cause Reege pndrom in Children and teen agers;

(b) if so, what are the measures :ing taken to ban the sale of Aspirin id its derivatives without medical escription;

(c) what is the quantity of aspirin lanufactured in India by multinatio-als and Government of India or tate enterprises, annually during ie last 3 years;

(d) whether aspirin and its deri-itives are being imported under >ecific or brand names; and

(e) what is the quantity of aspirin trjorted out °^ India annually during e last 3 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN HE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND AMlLY WELFARE (KUMARI AHOJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reported adverse reaction of Aspirin is confined t$_0$ the children population and accordingly, the Government has prohibited its use in children below 12 years of age. The manufacturers of Aspirin formulations in the country are required to insert a warning statement indicating the possible adverse reaction to Aspirin in children suffering from viral fever, namely, the Reye's Syndrome. Indian Medical Association has been advised to direct its members not t° prescribe Aspirin to children suspected to be suffering from viral fever.

(c) The finished formulation of Aspirin under brand names are not allowed for imports. The bulk Aspirin is a canalised item and is imported through State Trading Corporation.

(d) A$_s$ per the information received from the Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals, Ministry of Industry Aspirin is being imported a$_s$ bulk drug. Formulations of Aspirin are not imported.

(e) As per th$_e$ information received from the Office of Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, Ministry of Commerce, there has been no export of Aspirin during 1984-85. The information in respect of 1985-86 and 1986-87 will be collected from the Ministry of Commerce and will be laid on the table of the House.

Indore to Dohad Rail Line

1921. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI. Will th-Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 218 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th M&rch, 1987 and state:

fa) whether it is a fact that Western Railway in their letter dated 10th September, 1985 addressed to the Madhya Pradesh Government had mentioned that th$_e$ rail link between Indore and Dohad would not be com-